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## News Release

## Disaster Recovery Center in Jefferson County to Cut Hours, Then Close July 29

NORTH LITTLE ROCK – The disaster recovery center in Jefferson County will be closed this weekend, July 25 and 26, 2015 and then close permanently at the end of the business day on Wednesday, July 29.

The center will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. After business hours and after the center closes, the toll-free Helpline, 1-800-621-3362, is still available seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time).

The center provides help to those whose homes or businesses were affected by the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding during the period of May 7 to June 15, 2015.

Representatives from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies are at the center to explain disaster assistance programs and help survivors apply for aid.

The center is located:

## **Jefferson County**

Pine Bluff Convention Center (Entrance D) 500 East 8th Ave Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Individuals and families who suffered losses as a result of the late spring storms have until Aug. 25, 2015 to register for disaster assistance. They can do so online at <a href="www.DisasterAssistance.gov">www.DisasterAssistance.gov</a> or by calling 1-800-621- 3362 (FEMA). Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. Multilingual operators are available.

Each disaster recovery center has assistive technologies for people with disabilities. ASL interpreters are available at the DRCs by appointment by calling 870-451-9241.

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